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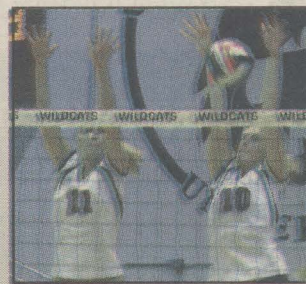
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Wildcats knock South Dakota off AFCA poll

by Melanie Lockhart
Sports editor

Tomlinson Stadium roared with the cheers of more than 2,700 fans last weekend during an exciting offensive matchup between the Wildcats and Coyotes.

After Saturday's 45-40 shootout win against the nationally-ranked University of South Dakota, the Wildcats found themselves in the top 25 of both major Division II national football polls.

For the first time since September 2003, the Central Washington University football team clawed into the top 25 in the American Football Coaches Association (AFCA) Division II poll. The Wildcats improved

from 26th to 21st this week in the AFCA poll.

In the D2football.com poll, Central jumped from 23rd to 18th in the national rankings.

On Monday, the NCAA national office released the season's first official NCAA Division II Northwest Regional Poll, with Central ranked fourth.

"It's always a goal to win every game," junior quarterback Mike Reilly said. "We're happy with the ranking now, but at the same time we want to be number one in the region."

If the Wildcats can remain in the top six for the final regional poll, they will qualify for the NCAA Division II playoffs.



Brianne Jette/Observer

Senior running back Johnny Lopez scored two touchdowns during last Saturday's game against nationally-ranked South Dakota. Lopez led the Wildcats in rushing, with 93 yards, during their victory.

"We wanted to start strong," Reilly said. "We have a great shot at running for the playoffs, but for now we're taking it one game at a time."

Saturday's win against the Coyotes was a huge step in the right direction, and the Wildcats proved that their offense has what it takes.

Reilly led Central's offensive attack,

throwing for a career-high 399 yards passing. The quarterback completed 24-of-34 passes, including four touchdown passes and no interceptions.

"It would have been nice to get the extra yard to break the 400 [yard] mark, so that some of the guys wouldn't have given me such a hard time," Reilly said. "But it was a great game for the team."

Everyone played well and it made my job easy."

On the receiving end, sophomore wide receiver Johnny Spevak caught 10 passes for a career-high 156 yards and two touchdowns. Reilly also connected five times with sophomore wide receiver Brandon Stout for 98 yards.

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'Bull dog' administrator resigns from Central

by Chelsea Krotzer
News editor

Former Associate Vice President of Faculty Affairs Michael Jennings has resigned and sought new employment outside of the state, according to Central Washington University Provost David Soltz.

"It wasn't a good fit for him," Soltz said. "Some jobs aren't good fits, he wasn't that satisfied. It was mutual."

Such "mutual" feelings have been shared by faculty members as well.

"Jennings was basically a bull dog," said Rob Perkins, professor of career and technical studies, industrial and engineering technology. "He gets it into his mind to do something and he does it. The problem leads to very reckless behavior; not including people in on a lot of decisions and not really working well with others, and in a university set-

ting that is the culture."

According to Josh Nelson, chair of foreign language department, part of the Jennings "bull dog" persona is thought to have stemmed from his confrontational personality, such as staring down faculty members.

Jennings also would openly flaunt his military background, which bothered some faculty members and caused his military history to come into question.

According to Nelson, Jennings would show off military wounds to colleagues and comment on the shrapnel still inside his body, reference

tours in Vietnam and emphasize his experience as a sniper in the marines.

"It's not the kind of behavior you would expect to see at a university," Nelson said. "It's the kind of thing you'd see in a prison."

Nelson has been involved with faculty senate for a number of years and was one of the first faculty members to interview Jennings prior to his arrival.

In May 2007, Jennings was deposed in regard to a lawsuit filed against Central by Bill Chandler former information technology and administrative management assistant professor.

During the deposition, Chandler's

attorney Jeffery Needle asked Jennings a series of questions, including whether or not he had any military experience. Surprisingly, to all that knew him, Jennings' answer was "no."

A records request was then filed by former United Faculty of Central president Daniel CannCasciato with the National Personnel Records Center in St. Louis, Mo. According to the document CannCasciato received in July of 2007, the records center had been unable to locate any information that would verify Jennings' military service.

"Hook, line and sinker," psychology professor Terry DeVietti said. "He

took the faculty, the administration, he took everyone."

DeVietti added that during one conversation, Jennings claimed that when he dies, he wants to have his union card in one hand and an M16 in the other.

Despite the military charade Jennings created, he did not include any documentation of being in the military on his resume or other documents given to the university.

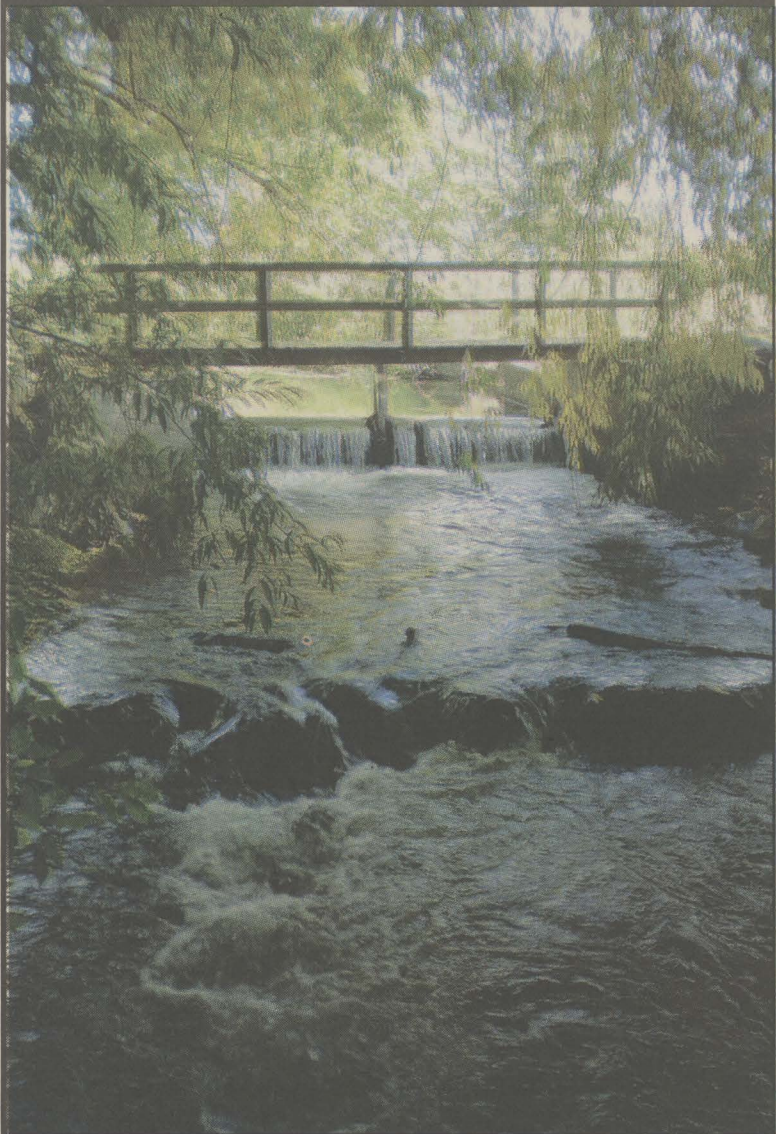
According to Soltz, Jennings' resignation did not have to do with the fabricated military history.

"To his credit, he did move the [bargaining] along," DeVietti said. "We did get a contract."

What the faculty had not anticipated receiving was a drop in morale as Jennings two-years of employment progressed.

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Visual stimulation



Kareen Black/Observer

“Millions of men have lived to fight, build palaces and boundaries, shape destinies and societies; but the compelling force of all times has been the force of originality and creation profoundly affecting the roots of human spirit.”

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President's address:

Scholarships, faculty enhancement and diversity key issues this year

by Marqise Allen
Senior reporter

Selling Almond Joys and Baby Ruths is an excellent way to raise money, but that strategy is not nearly as effective when trying to raise \$21 million in three years.

At the State of the University Address held last Tuesday, Central Washington University President Jerilyn McIntyre presented the school with the challenge of raising the \$21 million during the next three years. The campaign officially started two years ago and was in the “quiet” phase, and as of last week entered into the “public” phase, and the university has almost accomplished its goal.

“We have over 85 percent [of the initial goal],” said Paul Baker, vice president of University Relations and executive director of the Central Washington University Foundation, who is helping spearhead the campaign. “By the time summer hits us, the campaign will be successful.”

The money collected would be divided into three funds; \$15 million for student scholarships, \$4 million for faculty enhancement and \$2 million for Central impact programs, such as the James E. Brooks Library and the William O. Douglas Honors College.

“Our emphasis by far is on scholarships and getting and retaining good students,” Baker said.

The strategy to raise the money is to focus on people with some connection to the university at some point.

“The large majority of our donors are people who have experienced Central as a student, a parent of a student, a faculty member, or a staff member,” McIntyre said. “Others are friends of Central who wish to support specific initiatives of the institution.”

Although this money isn't expected to benefit the university for some time, the President also announced that 64 additional grants applied for by the university had been funded, the sum of which equaled \$9.3 million. While there was a substantial amount of money acquired through grants, McIntyre is most enthused about what will hopefully make an impact beyond the university.

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JERILYN MCINTYRE,
CENTRAL PRESIDENT

needs, and provide mentoring to students who have been underrepresented in higher education, including our GEAR-UP and College Assistance Migrant Program (CAMP) grants,” McIntyre said.

GEAR-UP reaches out to low-income middle school students in surrounding communities to provide them mentoring they can use to get into and succeed in college. CAMP offers financial and academic support to first generation freshman students who come from a migrant or seasonal worker background.

Not only is the university focusing more attention on underrepresented groups outside of the community, but also is promoting more diversity in the student body at the university. This year's incoming class has 19.2 percent of its population made up by people of color, which is a jump from 12.6 percent in 2000.

“We have actively recruited students of color,” McIntyre said. “We believe that the entire university and student body benefit from a diversity of ideas and people.”

Raising money through fundraising, applying for grants and improving the surrounding communities is all very important, but the biggest impact within the college community, which will make Central a better place, is increasing diversity ASCWU-BOD executive vice-president Anna Boyer said.

“I think the administration has done a great job of bringing in diverse groups and then supporting them with the help of clubs and other organizations, but we could do even better” Boyer said. “If we didn't have that diversity, we'd all be the same, and we wouldn't learn more about people different from ourselves.”



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Domestic Violence: A sad realization

by Matthew Hartmann
Staff reporter

Violent acts can happen to anyone at any place. The city of Ellensburg has an organization called ASPEN that gives advocacy to students at Central Washington University, as well as community members. Although the name has changed throughout the years, ASPEN has operated in Ellensburg since 1974 helping people deal with being victimized. ASPEN typically deals with approximately 258 new clients per year. In the past three months they dealt with 80 new clients.

ASPEN is self described as giving support and information as opposed to advice.

"We are a hand to hold during the transitional period. We don't tell people what to do," said Sarah Rogala, victim services program manager of Abuse Support and Prevention Education Now (ASPEN).

Sometimes these acts happen in the home or the residence hall next door.

According to Rogala, "Domestic violence is any sort of act, whether it be physical or emotional that allows one person to control another against their will."

Relationships may involve domestic violence if one of the partners appears to want control over every aspect. This can range from telling their partner what to do, to physically abusing them.

Others signs can also include paying for everything and talking negatively about their partner.

On average the Central Washington University campus police services deal with 10 confirmed cases of domestic violence per year according to the statistics on their Web site.

"The most important thing to do is report to the police when domestic violence occurs," Kevin Higgins, captain of Central's police services said.

Higgins included that severe incidents of domestic violence also includes people you live with and should be dealt with by the police.

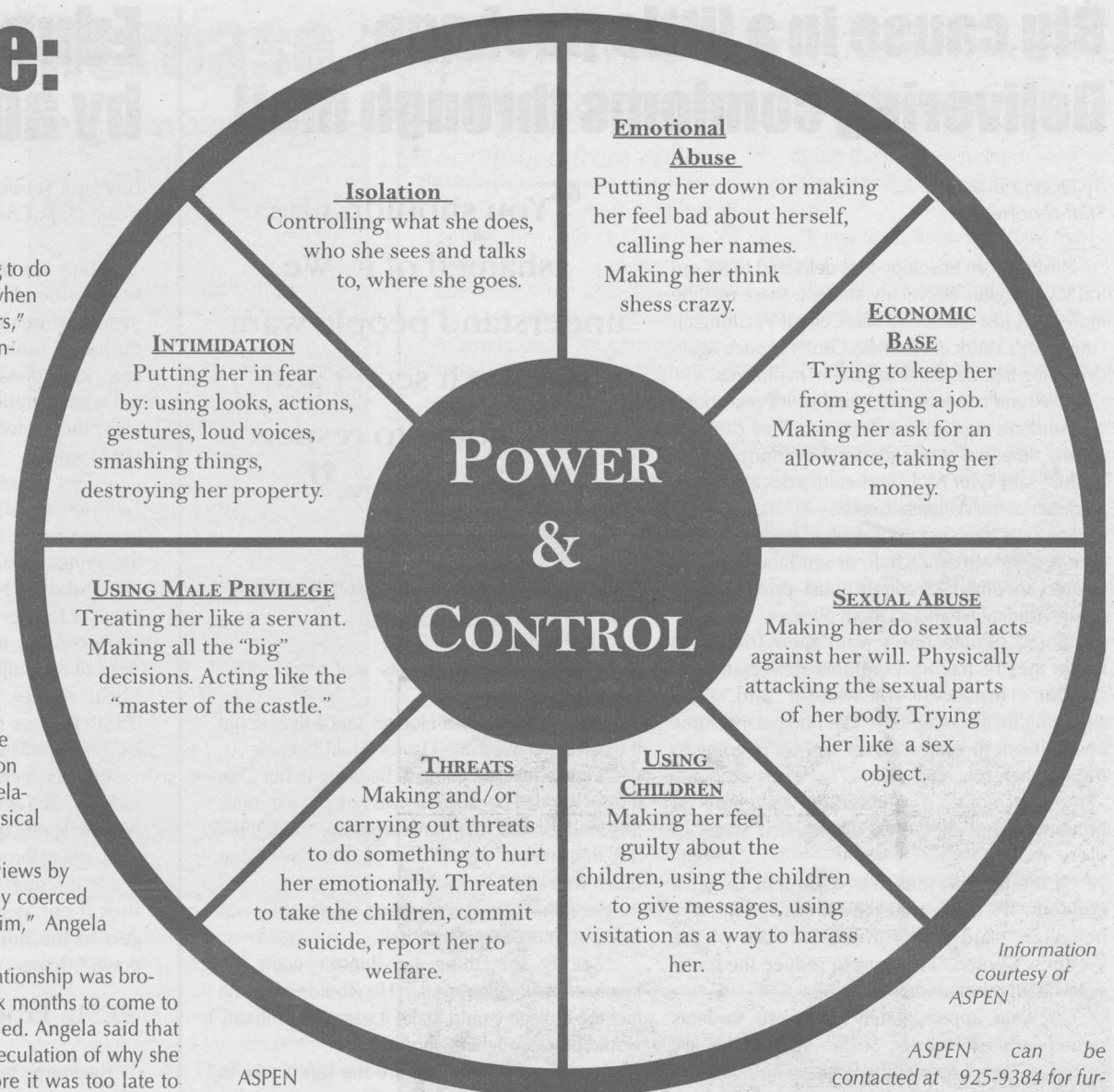
An anonymous student at Central, whom will be referred to as "Angela," came forward to inform fellow students of her story.

Angela was involved in a romantic relationship that began normally but became abusive after a few weeks. Soon Angela's partner wanted the relationship to become more physical than she wanted it to be.

"He tried to change my views by controlling me and eventually coerced me into having sex with him," Angela said.

After the incident, the relationship was broken off and it took Angela six months to come to terms with what had happened. Angela said that she dealt with shame and speculation of why she hadn't acted differently before it was too late to stop things.

"I wanted to share my story because I want others to realize the warning signs and stop it," Angela said.



ASPEN is now holding a phone drive to give old or used phones to clients who may need them in case of emergencies that clients encounter spouses.

ASPEN can be contacted at 925-9384 for further information. After hours contact, 925-4168 or 674-2881. The National Domestic Violence Hotline can be reached 24-hours a day at 1-800-799-SAFE (7233).

One book one campus to tie university, community

by Jennifer Weigel
Staff reporter

Central Washington University's One Book One Campus program has officially kicked off its third year with a day of speeches given by Timothy Egan, author of "The Worst Hard Time."

The day's events included several small classroom panels, a book signing at the Wildcat Shop and a keynote speech in the evening.

According to Central's Web site, the One Book One Campus program was created in order to emphasize the importance of reading to incoming freshmen and to create a shared context

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NELSON PICHARDO, ONE BOOK ONE CAMPUS CHAIR

for academic discussion.

Each year a book is chosen by a panel of volunteers who follow a criteria which, according to Central's Web site, includes "exposure to important questions of our time, broad appeal to students and faculty, and implications regarding ethical matters."

Ivy Holloway, freshman undeclared, feels the book has sufficiently met the criteria of being accessible to students.

"I really like the book, I am only on

chapter two but so far it has really drawn me in," Holloway said. "I feel like I want to read it instead feeling like I have to for my class."

The Provost's Office supplies the books to all incoming freshmen and any faculty who choose to include the book in their curriculum. According to Nelson Pichardo, the One Book One Campus chair, this year the book is available free of charge to upper classmen whose professor's include the

book in their curriculum.

This year also marked the first occasion where the author of the book chosen was included in the activities. According to Pichardo, budget limitations have prevented the university from bringing authors in the past.

"Egan really brought his passion for the subject matter. He is clearly committed to the history of the story and the people involved," Pichardo said.

Egan, who Wednesday night called

himself the accidental dustbowl historian, infused that passion into his speech.

"I'm loving [One Book One Campus]," Egan said. "Today I've had people come up and talk to me about how this book meant something to them from a historical angle, or from an environmental angle. It hasn't been all journalism students, but people from all over sharing a common experience, at least for today."

Other activities this year include more panel discussions, movies shown at the Student Union theater and exhibits in the Ellensburg Public Library, Kittitas County Museum and Clymer Museum.

UFC files class action suit

by Chelsea Krotzer
News Editor

Faculty union has sued Central Washington University in regard to financial compensation.

Faculty received hours while supervising undergraduate and graduate research. The hours would be banked until they had accumulated enough hours to receive compensation to not teach a class.

Due to a new contract, faculty members with banked hours are no longer able to use them.

"It was as if the old bank closed its doors and they opened a new bank and the funds didn't transfer over," Patsy Callaghan, professor of English said.

The hours were honored under the old faculty code that was in place prior to the creation of the faculty union. The code changed once the union was established.

When the collective bargaining agreement was signed, the method of handling undergraduate and graduate research changed.

"Bargainers were operating based on table discussions that the new work load plans would be flexible enough to accommodate banked hours," Bob Hickey, UFC president, said.

The administration was under the impression that because of the bank hours not being included in the accepted contract, they would not be an issue.

"We think it's more important to look at the future than look back at what happened in 2005," said Wayne Quirk, associate vice president of graduate studies and research. "I hope we don't waste valuable time and resources resolving something we think is already resolved."

According to Hickey, all other measures were exhausted and the

class action civil suit was "the option of last resort."

Such measures included multiple meetings with negotiators.

"Banked hours" have now been integrated into faculty workload plans under the new faculty code. The time is based on averages from the past.

From the faculty standpoint, they wish to either use the hours they have allocated under the old faculty code or receive an alternative cash reimbursement.

"The transition to a union campus isn't going to be comfortable; it's too complex," Callaghan said. "But we'll be okay. We'll figure out how to make it fair and also offer flexibility to faculty that want to contribute."

According to an E-mail from Central Provost David Soltz, the administration "[does] not believe that there is a basis for the lawsuit and expect to address that matter with the court."

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Big cause in a little package: Delivering condoms through mail

by Donna Buse
Staff reporter

Next time an envelope gets delivered to a Central Washington University student, there may be more than just a letter inside. Central Washington University's Wildcat Wellness Center is once again delivering free condoms to student mailboxes.

"We send condoms out monthly. It's year-round and students sign up every quarter. They can sign up any time, but every quarter they must sign up again," said Tyler McLain, health education programmer at the Wellness Center.

Students can sign up to have condoms delivered to their residence hall, or send the Wellness Center an email. Students must provide their name, residence hall and room number.

"Some people don't want their friends to know they're having condoms delivered. You shouldn't broadcast it," McLain said. "You shouldn't be ashamed of it. We understand some people want to keep it secret and we're going to respect their privacy."

Each condom containing envelope is unmarked and delivered during first week of every month.

"If it's inconvenient for a student to get a condom, it's likely that they'll engage in risky behavior," said Gail Farmer, Director of the Wellness Center. "We want to reduce the barrier to healthy behaviors."

Last year approximately 35 to 40 students signed up each quarter. So far, 40 students are signed up for fall quarter this year.

"A common college perception is they drink every night and have multiple partners," said Carly Kujath, sexual assault programmer at the Wellness Center. "That's the stereotype."

Research has shown that most students have a couple partners a year and practice safe sex.

"It's a good way to reach out and help people," Michael Rivera, junior history major, said.

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HEALTH EDUCATION PROGRAMMER

However, some students at Central don't flaunt the program.

Sophomore Monica Hodges saw a flyer about it when she moved into Davies [Hall] last year.

"I knew I wasn't going to be using it, but I hid it from my dad because he was helping me move in," Hodges said. "My dad's from the South. He's not the kind of person that would have been down with that."

Her father was also surprised his daughter was living in a co-ed residence hall.

"Sex is something he doesn't want me involved in," Hodges said. "He wouldn't like the fact the college would make it easy. He probably would have brought me home."

Even though condoms are the safest way to prevent pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases, the Wellness Center still promotes abstinence as the best choice.

"We always give the message the only 100 percent risk free way to avoid an STD is abstinence," Farmer said.

The Wellness Center has set a goal to encourage students to engage in safer sex practices.

Education issues addressed by administration, faculty

by Frank Stanley and Chelsea Krotzer
Copy Desk Chief and News editor

There are several rumors and speculations surrounding the status of Central Washington University's Department of Education throughout the beginning of this academic year. Regardless of the questions, both Central administration and the education department themselves urges concerned students not to worry.

Last summer two different organizations came to Central's campus to assess the education programs. The groups present included the Professional Educator Standards Board (PESB) and the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE).

According to Rebecca Bowers, former dean of the college of education and professional studies, the state funded program (PESB) focuses on program approval, while NCATE approves Accreditation.

Bowers recently resigned due to health reasons. She will be returning to the classroom in spring quarter 2008. In the meantime she is going through a re-training process.

"It's one of those things where you stick it out as long as you can and then it gets to the point where you have to step down," Bowers said.

PESB: Program problems

Beginning last May, the PESB, a 16-member committee established by the Washington State Legislature in 2000, visited Central campus to assess and review the education-related programs and departments.

During a meeting held in Olympia on July 11 and 12, the PESB announced that they approved Central's preparation programs pertaining to school counseling and psychology

services, but could not gather sufficient data to approve the preparation programs for both teaching residency and principal and program administration.

The main problems, according to the Board's report, came from a failure to meet seven of 31 evaluated measures, nearly all of those pertaining to program assessment.

As of now, Central is appealing the Board's decision and will know the results of the appeal in June 2008.

Students are still encouraged to apply to the department. The only students affected are those who have not yet to the program. In a prior statement issued by Bowers, students that had applications still pending for the 2007-2008 academic year are still eligible for approval into the

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department.

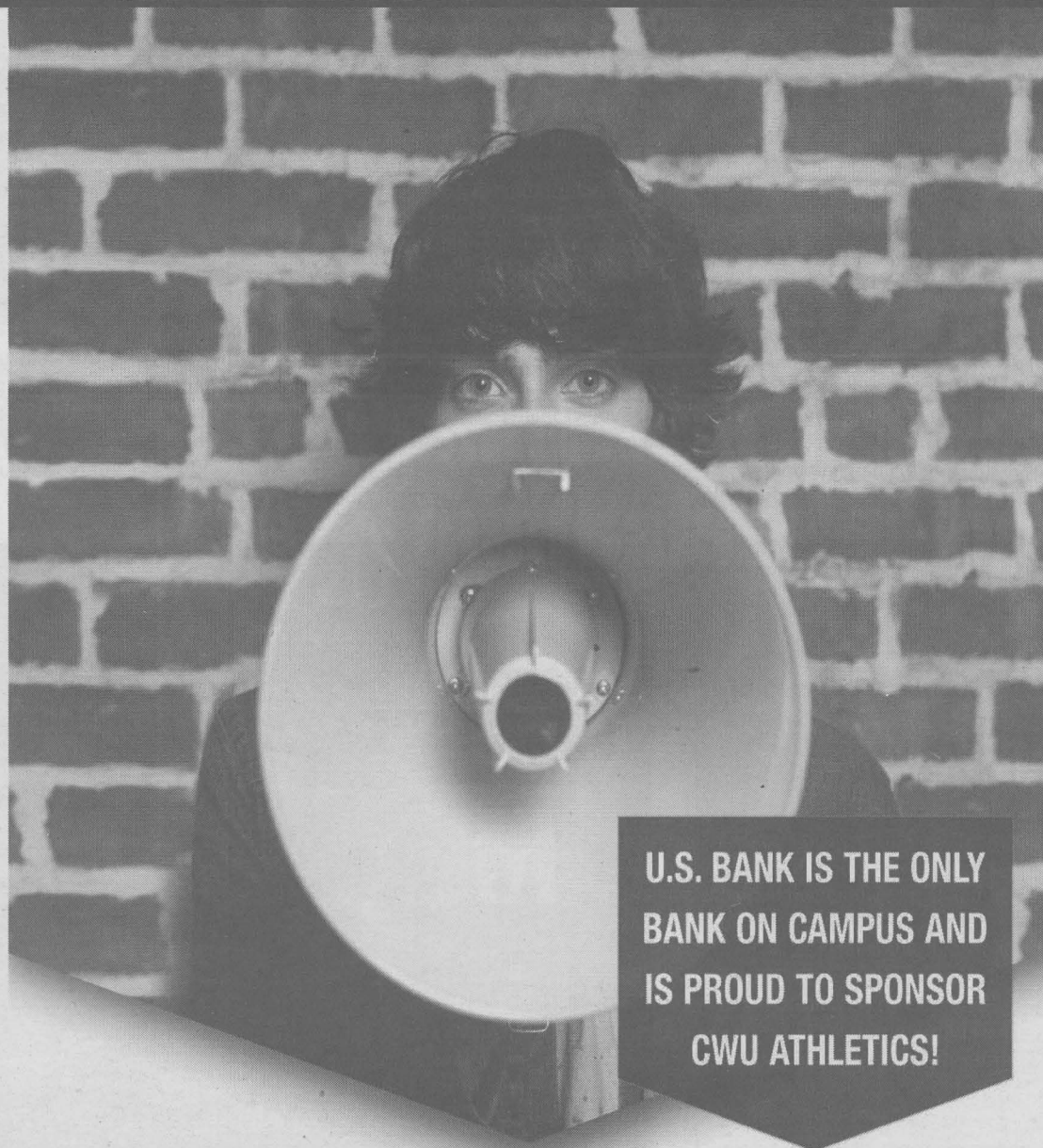
According to the NCATE Web site, Central is still accredited at the initial and advanced teacher preparation level.

"We did not loose [NCATE Accreditation]," Bowers said. "We do not know what their decision is going to be until November."

A report with the results from the NCATE evaluation will be sent to Central in late October, early November.

According to Scott Carlton, director of Central Academic Advising, all department and general advisors are staying the course and telling students wishing to pursue education nothing different from before.

Most rumors that may have stemmed from miscommunications in other news stories from local newspapers. In a recent story published by Ellensburg's Daily Record, it was said that students would not be allowed to enroll in the Resident Teacher Preparation Program at all. This was later corrected by Central Provost David Soltz.



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Pell grants, lenders increase

by Ken Stanton
Staff reporter

Students at Central Washington University may find a little extra money in their pocket next fall, though some worry changes to the current lending system will hurt students, believing high profits and runaway government subsidies focus on keeping students in school.

Last September President Bush signed the College Cost Reduction and Access Act, which increases funding for Pell Grants along with a proposed increase in borrower loan limits.

"I have the honor of signing a bill that will help millions of low-income Americans earn a college degree," Bush said at the signing of the bill. "Today is a reaffirmation of our commitment, our determination to help more Americans realize [their] dreams by getting a good education."

The bill was designed to restructure the nation's student loan system. Besides increasing Pell grants and the amount students are able to borrow, the bill reduces subsidies to lenders saving \$20 billion in tax dollars that students would have had to pay once they entered into the work force.

"It's taking excessive profits that are currently being given to private lenders and diverting them to students," said Agnes Canedo, director of Central's office of financial aid. "Billions of dollars every year that is spent in the name of supporting students, is actually going as a subsidy to lenders. Some of the legislators have finally woken up to that and are trying to reduce that excessive corporate welfare."

All of this came about as a reaction

to State of New York Attorney General Andrew M. Cuomo's testimony to the United States Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs in Washington D.C., saying that there was "deceptive and illegal practices [...] widespread throughout the country and throughout the many segments of the industry, including the lucrative private or alternative loan market."

Cuomo's testimony covered "preferred lenders lists," where lenders would pay schools to be listed as a preferred lender, typically receiving up to 90% of the loans borrowed by students and parents.

Cuomo also spoke of "revenue sharing," an arrangement where lenders pay institutions of higher education a percentage of the principal of each loan taken by students at that institution.

Congress immediately began working on the bill, but the Bush administration threatened a possible veto against earlier versions. The bill passed in quick succession through the House and Senate after revisions were made and then approved by the President.

Schools constantly have to upgrade, re-train teachers and adapt to an evolving civilization which raises the price of tuition. The books and living expenses a student faces while going to school increases these costs. This puts students and parents at the mercy of those who are willing to give them money, especially when a part-time minimum wage job doesn't cover it. An industry that takes advantage of that dependency and profits from it may not always have the students best interests in mind.

"I think [schools] should help students find lenders, but not necessarily have a preferred lenders list," said

Numbers & Cents

♦ The bill increases Pell Grants by \$11.4 billion over the next five years.

♦ Pell Grants will be raised from \$4,310 annually to \$5,400 over the next five years.

♦ Pell Grants may see an increase of \$490 to a total of \$4,800 by next fall.

♦ Student loan interest rates will be reduced from 8.5 percent to 3.4 percent over the next five years.

♦ Student loans are being proposed to be raised to \$5,875 dollars annually.

Shannon Hudson, a non-traditional freshman electronic engineering major. "I've also had encounters with another educational institution, and they had preferred lenders. After further research, after I had already taken the loan, I found that they were not one of the better lenders for my situation. They were just somebody who was immediately accessible. So I don't feel that [preferred lenders lists are] in the best interest of everybody. It leaves too much room for the possibility for abuse."

JENNINGS: Administrator leaves behind trail of rumors, speculation

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"There was more a sense of collegiality and willingness to communicate between the administration and the faculty [prior to Jennings arrival]," CannCasiato said. "It's coming back a little with Wayne Quirk who's trying really hard."

CannCasiato added that there is a negative atmosphere that has formed between faculty and administration, along with a lack of communication, which inadvertently leads to fear and anxiety among faculty members.

"The amount of fear people feel, that kind of stuff infuriates me," Nelson said.

The sudden resignation of Jennings left a stir of rumor and unrest among faculty and staff.

"He represented the administration," Nelson said. "He was the very highest level of administration. They don't want this story being told and frankly I'm ambivalent myself, but there are still questions."

From the faculty's point of view, an explanation of what is going on would suffice.

"If you really knew the truth, maybe there's a reason [the administration] won't talk," DeVietti said. "It's the silence that's frustrating and leads to all kinds of speculation."

Currently three candidates are being reviewed as Jennings' replacement. The new position of Assistant Vice President for Faculty Relations has been created, placing some of the responsibilities originally held by Jennings on the shoulders of Associate Vice president for Graduate Studies and Research Wayne Quirk.

According to Soltz, the new position will focus more on faculty human relations.

During the interview process of candidate, Dennis Defa, Nelson brought up Jennings, inquiring what Defa would do to fix the current situation.

"I voiced my concerns; it's such an important position," Nelson said.

Jennings was contacted two weeks in advance on numerous occasions and declined to comment.

Keep reading the Observer for further developments of the United Faculty of Central civil suit, the bargaining agreement, Michael Jennings and the department of education and professional studies accreditation that will be included in upcoming issues.

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News from around the Ellensburg community

Anarchists to blame for local graffiti frenzy

by Karena Shellman
Senior reporter

Ellensburg has been seeing a lot of new tattoo recently, but not on the skin of its citizens.

Many local businesses are being damaged by graffiti, most representing an anti-government and anti-corporation lifestyle.

"We have some folks who think they are artists," Dale Miller, Ellensburg chief of police said. "Unfortunately, they find it necessary to deface a lot of things in this town that leads to urban blight."

Miller said that most of the graffiti does not relate to gang or drug activity but more toward a following in the anarchy movement.

According to The Anarchist FAQ Web site, anarchists believe in the strict, original meaning of anarchism, which simply means "no government."

The local graffiti problem has been on and off for years.

Local businesses such as Safeway and the Ellensburg Pet Store frequently suffer from graffiti destruction.

"It's always in the back alleys," said Daria Wheeler, co-owner of the Ellensburg Pet Store. "It's been a

problem [here] for three years."

Wheeler said the pet store has painted over graffiti three times throughout the past year.

"I don't care what they [mark], it's not their building," Wheeler said. "It should be illegal. [The city] should turn over the skate park [on Pearl Street] to artists because it needs some coloring."

According to the Graffiti Hurts Web site, there are four types of graffiti, hip-hop, gang, hate, and generic, meaning non-threatening messages like "Bobby loves Suzy" or "Class of 2003".

Graffiti is the most common type of property vandalism, 35 percent, according to the Bureau of Justice Statistics.

Graffiti artists, who are said to reside in Ellensburg, roam downtown alleys.

They're rare to catch in the act.

"We've caught a couple but we haven't caught as many as we need to," Miller said. "They'll be arrested and go through the criminal justice process for malicious mischief."

Consequences for such acts depends on the depth of damage done to the property.

"[Punishment] depends on if it's a misdemeanor or a felony," said Bert



Makayla Lee/Observer

Ellensburg Pet Shop employee Alyssa Kennard expresses her thoughts about the recent graffiti damage to the building.

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DALE MILLER, ELLENSBURG CHIEF OF POLICE

Marx, Lieutenant for the Ellensburg Corrections Center. "Normally, [jail time] is no more than 90 days. It would take a huge chunk of graffiti to be a felony.

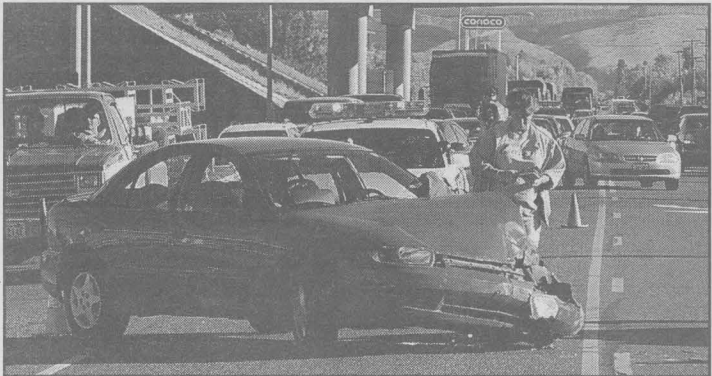
Locals, like Wheeler, have even tried to prevent such destruction by

attempting to create volunteer clean-up programs.

"About a year ago, I was trying to investigate ways to get kids involved in community service," Wheeler said. "That way, they can see the detriment and realize [graffiti] isn't right."

As of now though, businesses can only paint over the illustrations.

"I don't care what they graffiti, it's not their building," Wheeler said. "It should be illegal but if it's in a spot that's designated, then I won't find it offensive at all."



Ken Stanton/Observer

Kathy Sandes exchange information with the other driver as the two lane traffic backs up behind them beneath interstate I-90.

Wreckage causes two lane buildup

by Ken Stanton
Staff reporter

A Chevrolet Cavalier fought a losing battle against a white Chevrolet Trailblazer last Friday. The Trailblazer attempted to cross traffic without success and was consequently struck by the smaller vehicle.

Kathy Sandes, the driver of the red Cavalier, tried avoiding the SUV as it pulled out from the 76 Gas Station on Canyon Rd near exit 109.

"I was driving north on the inside lane and he pulled out of the drive way, and I tried to stomp on my brakes and go behind him, but he was just there," Sandes said.

The impact crushed the front drivers' side corner, causing significant damage and deploying both airbags of the small car. Most of the damage to the SUV occurred along the bottom of the drivers' side rear door and rear wheel.

"My hand hurts," Sandes said about any injuries she had, "but so far that's all."

Police responded to the scene and began directing traffic around the accident, indicating that Sandes had the right of way.

Traffic was backed up for more than a block in each direction.

The driver of the SUV declined comment.

Police to enforce law, slap bar drunks with tickets

by Krystal McMullen
Staff Reporter

Drunk driving, violence, and indecent exposure are just three of the lewd acts that the newly formed Ellensburg Task Force is focusing on this year. Central Washington University is working with the city police, campus police, local bars and the liquor store to create a task force to reduce criminal activity in and around the city.

Teddy Kollman, manager of the Oak Rail Bar and Grill, estimates that 80 percent of his business comes from Central students.

One of the laws that the task force is cracking down on is intoxication in public businesses. The law was created in 1933, but has yet to be enforced until now.

City police officers are going into local bars and handing out tickets to intoxicated individuals who are exhibiting vulgar behavior.

Police officials are not giving breathalyzers or sobriety tests, but if an individual is causing problems, or being loud and obnoxious, they will receive a ticket.

Not only can the individual who is intoxicated receive a ticket, but the bar can be ticketed for over serving.

As of Sept. 28th the task force with the help of Ellensburg police, will also be targeting drunk drivers and minors in

DUI: Did You KNOW?

* Nearly two out of every five Americans will be involved in an alcohol related traffic crash in their lifetime.

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possession.

Extra police will be in the downtown area during the nighttime hours of 10 p.m. to 3 a.m.

According to the DUI statistics Web site of the state of Washington, Washington State Patrol (WSP) has stopped 18,209 drivers on suspicion of driving under the influence in 2004. The number is expected to increase by 3000 by the year 2008.

Bar owners, such as Kollman, also added that they take responsibility for their customers. "If a woman is by herself and is intoxicated, we will call a cab for her," Kollman said. Everything that we are doing is strictly precautionary for the safety of everyone

who walks in and out of the bar."

If a student receives a ticket in the bar for over consumption of alcohol, further disciplinary action through he school is possible.

If this occurs, students would have to attend the Prime for Life program that entails a ten-hour class on alcoholism and related criminal activities.

"Drinking is going to happen whether it's in the bar scene or not," said Lynne Harrison, Campus Community Coalition member. "You just need to be careful and responsible. Try to space out your drinks, try not to play drinking games, and never get behind the wheel."

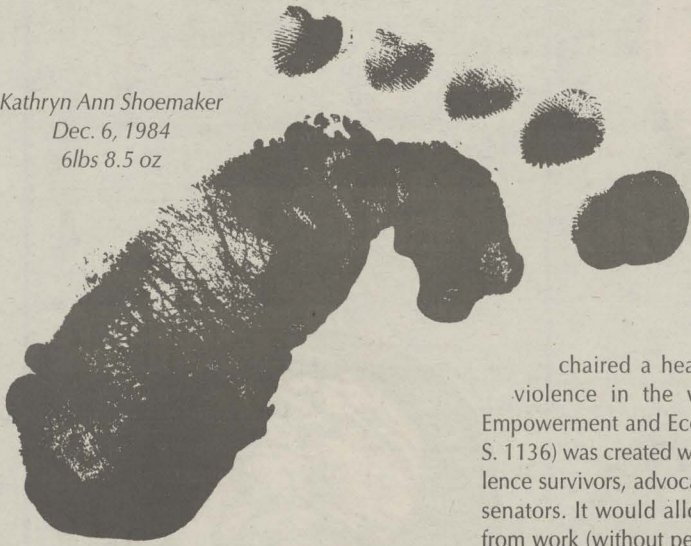
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Domestic violence: A subject close to home

Kathryn Ann Shoemaker
Dec. 6, 1984
6lbs 8.5 oz



Observance

Black and blue bruises looked more like permanent tattoos than temporary skin changes; there were blood stains on her T-shirts. Mascara stained her pillowcases and she lived in constant fear for her life. "She" is my mother.

She left my abusive biological father, joined the Army and moved across the country, away from everything she knew and loved, to make a better life for her two children and herself.

My mother is a strong woman, but it still took her years to leave an abusive husband. With the emotional and financial support of my grandparents, she was able to break free. For millions of domestic violence victims like my mother, the nation is finally trying to strengthen laws.



Kathryn Lake
Editor in
Chief

Financial instability is one of many reasons some people do not leave their abusive relationship. In April, Sen. Patty Murray introduced legislation and chaired a hearing focused on domestic violence in the workplace. The Survivors' Empowerment and Economic Security Act (SAFE, S. 1136) was created with input from domestic violence survivors, advocates, workplace experts and senators. It would allow victims to take time off from work (without penalties), to appear in court, seek legal assistance and to get help with safety planning.

According to the American Institute on Domestic Violence, intimate partner violence victims lose nearly 8 million days of paid work each year – the equivalent of more than 32,000 full-time jobs – and nearly 5.6 million days of household productivity.

This legislation ensures that victims who leave their jobs because of abuse are eligible for unemployment compensation. Between jobs, my mother would pack my older brother up and go back to my biological father. She got pregnant again during one of those trips. That's how I came to be, I was the mistake born as Kathryn Ann Shoemaker and their divorce was finalized less than a month after I entered this world.

This legislation also prohibits employers or insurance providers from basing hiring or coverage decisions on a victim's history of abuse. This will be

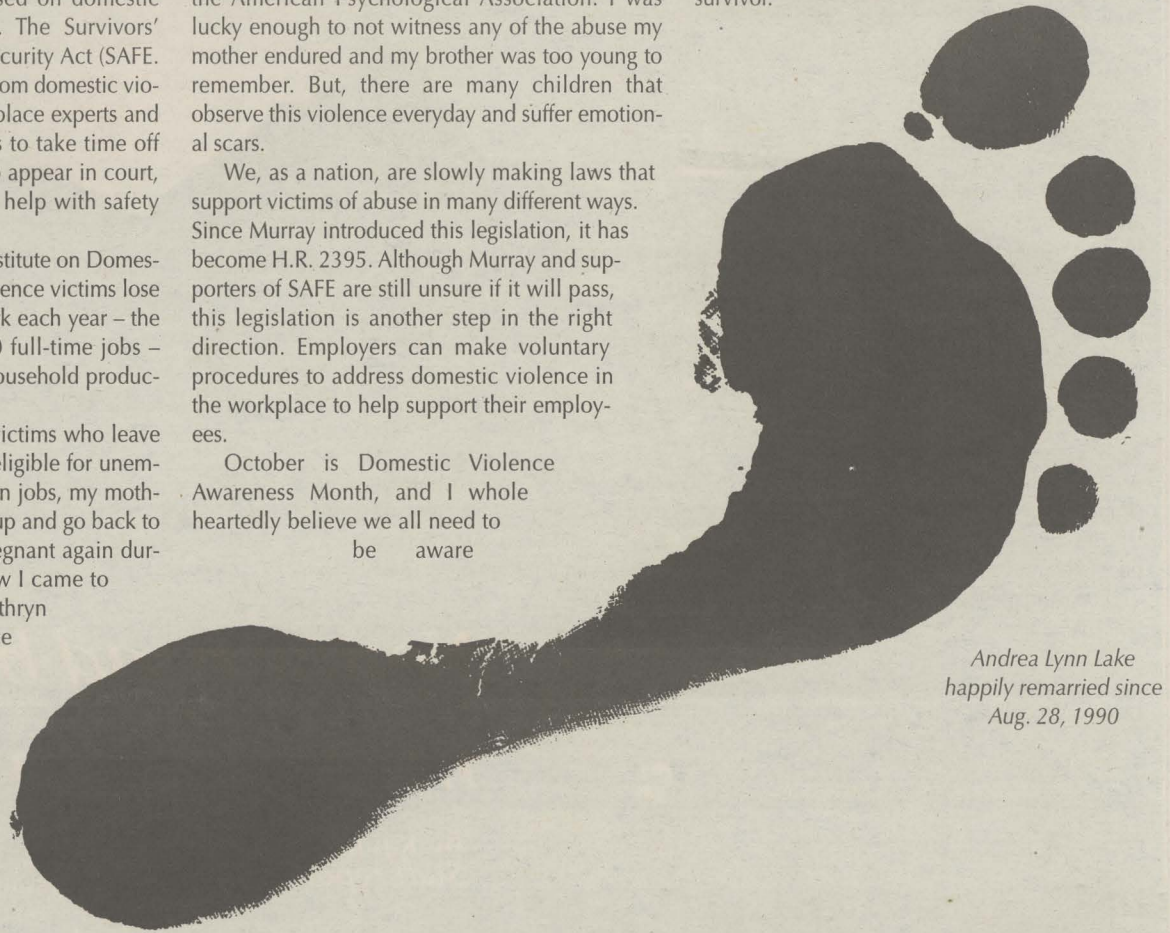
beneficial because many insurance companies reject abuse victims, thus punishing them for being abused. Finally, this bill addresses the punitive elements of the welfare system that can penalize victims who flee from dangerous situations.

An estimated 3.3 million children are exposed to violence against their mothers or female caretakers by family members each year, according to the American Psychological Association. I was lucky enough to not witness any of the abuse my mother endured and my brother was too young to remember. But, there are many children that observe this violence everyday and suffer emotional scars.

We, as a nation, are slowly making laws that support victims of abuse in many different ways. Since Murray introduced this legislation, it has become H.R. 2395. Although Murray and supporters of SAFE are still unsure if it will pass, this legislation is another step in the right direction. Employers can make voluntary procedures to address domestic violence in the workplace to help support their employees.

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and I wholeheartedly believe we all need to be aware

and think of victims all year long. People's lives are scarred by domestic violence daily. Abuse can mean a lifetime of emotional damage long after the bruises heal. Americans need to continue down this legislative road of support for the millions of victims of domestic violence, like my mother, Andrea Lake, who is a survivor.



Andrea Lynn Lake
happily remarried since
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Video games: a dangerous escape from real life

Early this summer, the American Medical Association (AMA) gathered to make a decision on a controversial subject. The subject was video games and whether over-use of them is considered an addiction.

The AMA's purpose in bringing up this issue was to get video game addiction accepted as a documented mental disorder and thereby raising awareness.

The point of contention in this debate is whether or not video games can be addictive, and classified as a mental disease in the same way alcoholism is. Or, is the over-use of video games a symptom of other problems like low self-esteem, depression and social anxiety.

Whether video game over-use is an addiction completely misses the point. In bringing the question of compulsive video-game behavior to the attention of its peers, the AMA is recognizing the problem that more children (and adults) are perhaps spending too much time on their computers.

Keith Bakker, director of Smith and Jones Addiction Consultants, said in a July 2006 WebMD article, that kids who play video-



Tim Kukes
Asst. Scene
editor

games four to five hours a day have no time to socialize.

He went on to say that a child that continues this habit into their adult years will be socially and emotionally handicapped.

The AMA says 90 percent of all American children play video games, of which 15 percent may have a problem. That is more than five million children, according to the AMA.

Where do you want their minds to be when they are doing their job? Maybe you think that someone with a problem like this won't be able to get those kinds of jobs or any jobs at all for that matter. Well that just makes them future wards of the state.

In July of 2007, Foxnews.com ran the Associated Press article, "Parents neglect starved babies to feed video game addiction." The parents, Michael and Lana Straw plead guilty to two accounts of child neglect.

Their two children, 22 months old and 11 months old, were found extremely malnourished, ill and deprived of the type of care babies need.

The prosecutor in this case said that parents blamed it on an online role playing game. There was food in the house and the father had inherited \$50,000.

What would make parents treat their own children in this reckless disregard?

I can only hazard a guess from my own per-

spective. A couple of years ago, I went through my own video-game over-use issue. It lasted just under 10 months and was one of the lower points in my life.

Online gaming can be very seductive when you don't feel like you have anything going on in your life. Playing for 16-20 hours daily becomes common place, only stopping because you can't stay awake anymore or you have to go to work.

During this time I ended up dropping out of school, avoiding my friends, losing 15 pounds and retreating from life in general. It took a rather commonplace, but painful, event to wake me up to the fact that I was wasting my life.

Was I obsessed with video-games? I don't think so, I was simply unhappy with my life at the time and looking for a way to distract myself from the pain of the situation.

Is unhappiness a reason to neglect your children? Absolutely not, but I have always been amazed by what we humans do to avoid uncomfortable times in our lives. When we are at our lowest any sweet siren song will do.

The AMA decided that more research was necessary to determine if video games are habit forming.

I don't think the answer is "what is?" or "what is not?" addictive, but what drives some of us to seek out such behaviors.

Letter to the Editor

In response to the October 2nd article concerning the student reaction to the new building policy at Randall Hall. The issue at hand isn't so much that the building is closed at an earlier hour, but that students are no longer allowed in the building after the doors have been locked at midnight. Last year, the doors were locked at 10 p.m., however, any students still working in the building were permitted to remain inside until they saw fit to leave. In turn, the building wasn't opened until about 7 a.m. As part of the change in building policy, the doors are now unlocked at 5:30 a.m.

Students are upset at this change generally for one of two reasons. The first being that they had become accustomed to working well past midnight. The second reason being that they might have very limited hours to work during the day due to work or class conflict. The faculty's decision to change the building policy was motivated primarily by safety for the students, and to promote practical professional work habits in the students. Concern over theft being a distant third reason.

I feel that I was misrepresented in the article over this matter. I wish in no way to frustrate the faculty into making a different decision but simply promote the consolidation of the student voice and the pursuit of a reasonable compromise. The faculty are well aware of student complaints, but a frustrated faculty will get the students nowhere.

Joe Churchman
Student Art Council President
Senior Jewelry/Metalsmithing & Philosophy Major



Young head brewer taps local markets with Iron Horse ales

by Kayla Schroeder
Staff reporter

Drinking is a popular pastime in a college town, but

Greg Parker thought big when he purchased the Iron Horse Brewery.

"To walk into a bar and [buy] a beer, they check for [identification], but no one ever checked my [identification] and I bought a brewery," Parker said.

Greg Parker, 28, grew up in Kitsap County. Unsure of what his future held, he always had a keen interest in business and brewing. In 2004, while surfing the Internet, he stumbled upon the sale of the Iron Horse Brewery and jumped at the opportunity, investing with his father, Gary Parker. He became the youngest head brewer in the state.

"I make and sell beer for a living while increasing the share of the Ellensburg market," Greg Parker said. "A lot of time is spent on the road talking directly about putting our beer on tap."

With Gary Parker's 30 years of business experience at NAPA Auto Parts, Greg Parker's familiarity and study of brewing, along with their commitment to a small business community, the Iron Horse is in good hands.

Other co-owners include RC Townsend and Ross Chalstrom with the aid of employee and Central Washington University student and senior geography major Sam Scotchmer, 22.

"I like working for a small local business that makes good local beer," Scotchmer said. "As a [new] company we may make mistakes along the way but it doesn't stop us. Our enthusiasm makes up for our young age."

The Iron Horse brewery consists of four fermenters and six conditioners. This heavy machinery generates 465-

gallon batches of ale, from which the Iron Horse is able to produce 2,700 barrels of beer each year.

The six brewery favorites offered year round include Rodeo Extra Pale Ale, Locomotive Imperial Red Ale, Cream Ale, Brown Ale, Indian Pale Ale and Quilter's Irish Death. Seasonal flavors are also available.

Iron Horse ales are produced during a two-to three-week period, depending on the strength of the ale. The brewing process takes 10 hours of brewing and 12 to 15 hours of cleaning, transferring and kegging, a tediously perfected process that requires necessary knowledge and experience.

"Water, yeast and age are what set us apart," Greg Parker said. "We're just young."

Iron Horse ales can be purchased at the brewery itself. Other sale locations include The Palace, The Woodshed, Lilly's Cantina, Morelli's, Grant's Pizza and The Dakota Café as well as a majority of Ellensburg's grocery stores and mini marts.

Jake Cowan, 20, works as the head cook at The Woodshed, where customers can purchase the Iron Horse ales both on tap and in bottles.

"I'm not surprised," Cowan said in response to Parker's age. "We live in a college town. Starting a small business at a young age is something to be respected for."

With Oktoberfest in full swing, a possible beer chugging or hop eating contest may entertain guests at the Iron Horse Brewery during their fifth anniversary celebration.

Festivities will be held at the brewery on Saturday, Oct. 27 and will include plenty of beer and souvenir mugs.

Head Brewer Greg Parker, from the Iron Horse Brewery, showcases one of his golden ales while posing inside the Iron Horse.

October

11 • Live music:
Ravinwolf at The
Starlight Lounge,
7 p.m., free.

12 • IT club "Evil
Dewer" LAN party,
7—11 p.m. SURC
215, \$15 to participate.

13 • Campus Activities
Movie, 6—10 p.m. in
SURC Theatre, free.

• Fourth annual
HarvestFest, Dusty's
Nursery, 10 a.m.—4 p.m.,
free.

14 • Sunday Cinema
Series: Wordplay,
7 p.m. in SURC
Theatre, \$3 students.

• Nikolas Caoile and
Friends music concert,
4 p.m. in the Music Build-
ing, free.

15 • Line dancing and
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American Legion
Hall, 7—8:30 p.m., free

16 • Yoga, Mary Grupe
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free.

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Building Concert Hall, free.

Egan talks hard times at Central

by Tim Kukes
Asst. Scene editor

Race, migration, and environmen-
talism may be elements of Tim Egan's
new book, "The Worst Hard Time," but
those issues were not what he spoke
about at last Wednesday night's
presentation to an audience of
approximately 400 people.

What he spoke about was
storytelling.

**"You never know
you are in the
middle of an
eco-disaster when
you're in the middle
of an eco-disaster."**

TIM EGAN, AUTHOR OF "THE
WORST HARD TIME"

"Folks who go through something
like this [the Dust Bowl] don't think you
can understand what they went through
and they are right," Egan said.

Egan went on to make the audience
understand in his own way what these
people went through.

He described the people that lived
in the Plains states, specifically
Oklahoma, as the "Last Chancers:"
blacks, Latinos, Russians and the Irish
among others, but all these people were
looking for a place to make their own.
They found that place in Oklahoma.

Then the dust storms came, Egan
said, turning a rich grassland to barren
fields.

Egan chronicles the heartache of the

Last Chancers and their tenacity in
staying on their land.

"You never know you are in the mid-
dle of an eco-disaster when you're in
the middle of an eco-disaster," Egan
said, bringing attention to the way peo-
ple will accept hardship.

Throughout the presentation, Egan
speaks in a calm manner, but he makes
a point to explain the pressures he was
under in writing the book.

Telling the audience of the people
he interviewed, most of them in their
80's and 90's, and how he felt he was
operating underneath the gun due to
the extreme age of these witnesses. He
was worried they would pass away
before he got their story.

Egan brought his presentation to an
end by reading from his book. He read
from his introduction, setting the scene
for his tale. It describes the ever-present
winds and how their silence was so pro-
found that it even "scared the Last
Chancers, the twice exiled."

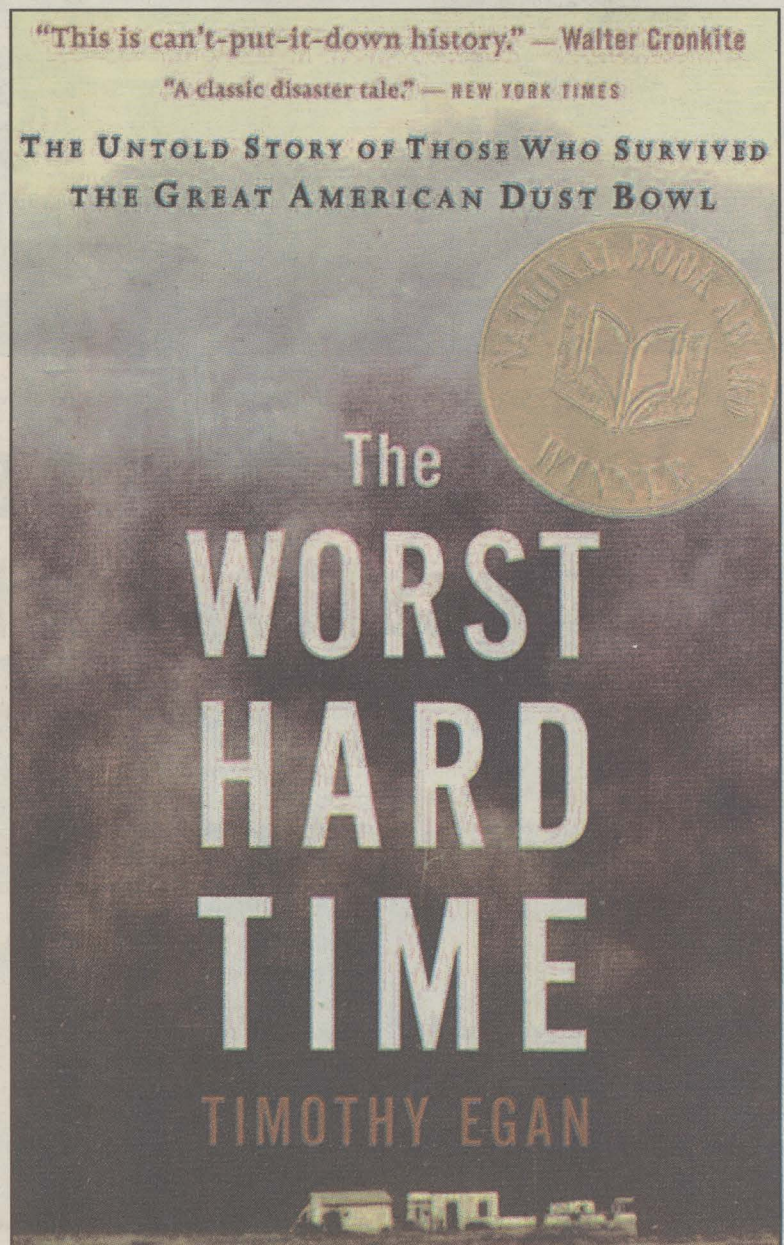
"I thought it was very good," said
Kathleen Sheldon, who works in Regis-
trar Services and had her book signed
earlier by Egan. "I read the book cover
to cover, making notes in the margin."

After the book reading, a Q&A
session commenced for the audience.
The questions revolved around issues of
today that echo events of the past.

"The most important point he [Egan]
made was that history matters and
peoples voices matter," said Nelson
Pichardo, professor of sociology and
chair of the One Book, One Campus
project.

Egan is a Pulitzer-Prize-winning
journalist and from Washington state.
He has written five books to date, works
for the New York Times, and started his
journalism career with the Seattle Post-
Intelligencer. While he graduated from
the University of Washington, he has a
sister who attended Central.

The book was chosen for the One



Book, One Campus project for its
themes, Provost David Soltz said.

The book's themes of race,
migration, and climate change are as
relevant today as they were in the

1930's.

Soltz also said that he hoped that
having a journalist like Egan present at
Central would encourage journalism
students.

Talent turns out for Open Mic Night

by John Redifer
Staff reporter

Music, food and nervous energy.
These are the ingredients of Open Mic
Night, kicking off at 7 p.m. on Oct. 11
in the Student Union pit. The event is
open to all students whether they come
to perform or listen.

"[It's] free and easy, like the jets of a
Jacuzzi," said Joel Stamm, freshman
business major. "I plan on making the
November Open Mic Night my Thanks-
giving musical feast."

Central Wash-
ington Universi-
ty's 2007-08 sea-
son of the musical
event, sponsored
by Campus Activi-
ties, will begin
where last year's
performances left
off.

One anticipat-
ed artist partici-
pating this time
around is fresh-
man music major
Skyler Mehal.

Though he isn't sure what songs he's
going to play yet, Mehal will be singing
and rocking out on both his acoustic
guitar and piano.

"Though [Open Mic Night] isn't the
biggest musical event on campus, I still
think it gives students a great opportuni-

ty to play for their peers," Mehal said.
"It's good stage experience."

Open Mic Night provides musicians
like Mehal the chance to perform music
they've written. It brings together musi-
cal and non-musical students for the
same experience.

"I think it's great when students have
the ability to express themselves freely
for an audience," Samira Lee, sopho-
more English major said.

All performers are given 15 minutes
to play. Sign-ups start at 6:30 p.m. each
night, and the first six names on the list
get to perform.
The Open Mic
Night production
will also continue
on Oct. 18 and
Nov. 15.

Those who
attend can look
forward to songs
written by Central
students, poetry
readings and cover
songs as well.
Participants
should show up
early for a better
chance of getting onto the list to play.

For those performers who are inter-
ested, the sound system features eight
channels, three mics and two direct
inputs. Call Sarah Grant at 963-1450
for any questions.

**"I plan on making...
Open Mic Night my
Thanksgiving
musical feast."**

JOEL STAMM, FRESHMAN
BUSINESS MAJOR



Steve Franich/Observer

Margo Selski with her piece "The Rocking Horse," oil and beeswax on canvas, on display at the Clymer Gallery.

Selski showcases surrealist art at local Clymer Museum

by Joshua Rumley
Staff reporter

The sound of a piano gracefully played a jazz tune dance through the air as people found their way into the quiet stare of Margo Selski's new exhibition, "Through the Looking Glass."

Margo Selski, Ellensburg resident and Central Washington University art professor, premiered her new collection of paintings at the Clymer Museum of Art in downtown Ellensburg during the First Friday Art Walk. The collection, made up of nine paintings, presented visitors with an array of surreal images and deep symbolism.

"It's really kind of great to see a painting that actually makes you stop in your tracks and think," Austin Dafoe,

sophomore theater education major, said.

The collection of paintings in "Through the Looking Glass" presents images that one might say was from another age and time, with images of porcelain skinned maidens in large dresses that resemble something Marie Antoinette might have worn.

Selski uses historical images and blends them together with fantasy elements, such as mythical the beast chimera and winged women, as seen in the featured piece "The Rodeo Queen." Selski uses such images of fantasy blended with reality to express one of her themes for the collection, the relationship between mother and child.

"It's almost like a passing on of things, things all parents do with their

children," Rachelle Bunch, sophomore music education major, said. "[Parents] hope they have given [their children] enough knowledge so that they know how to make it through life."

The exhibit gives visitors to the Clymer Museum a chance to see art that is not only by a local resident but also an award-winning artist. Selski's work has received awards, including the Minnesota State Arts Board Grant for 2004.

"I honestly didn't think I would find art of this caliber outside Seattle in this state, but this was a nice surprise," Rosa Villanueva, Kennewick resident said.

"Through the Looking Glass" will be on display at the Clymer Museum through Oct. 29. There will be a talk by Selski at noon on the last day of the exhibition.

Inspiration strikes at Egan workshop

As a college student, I have come across many instances where I have felt completely lost or overwhelmed by expectations to the point where I wonder if I will ever make a career out of anything.

Instead of being excited about furthering my education, I have become petrified as to whether or not I will be good enough to survive in the real world.

Luckily, I found my source of inspiration.

Timothy Egan, author of "The Worst Hard Time," came to Central Washington University last week to conduct a workshop and present a lecture for students, staff and community members.

I went to both the workshop and lecture partly because my class is reading his novel and partly because I was hoping to get some insight on the novel.

At previous lectures that I have been to, I only got the basics about the authors' novels and some information on their credibility.

After attending the workshop, where Egan answered questions and gave insight on what being a writer

meant to him, I saw the light shine through the clouds. Once again, I was ecstatic about my future because of what Egan said about his struggles, his writing and his life.

In "The Worst Hard Time," Egan tells the story of those that lived through one of the worst events in the history of the United States, the Dust Bowl of the Great Depression.

As I listened to him read pages from his book, I felt like I was right there in the disaster.

Egan told everyone about the people he met, the places he explored and the life lessons he came away with, because he followed his passion.

I was reminded by a quote from one doctor Leah Davis: "Words that paint successful pictures for [people] stimulate optimism about their future."

Egan's lecture made a difference to me because he told of how he became successful and how anyone could do the same if they just go after what they want. He gave me the drive I was struggling to find as well as the positive influence to push me in the right direction.

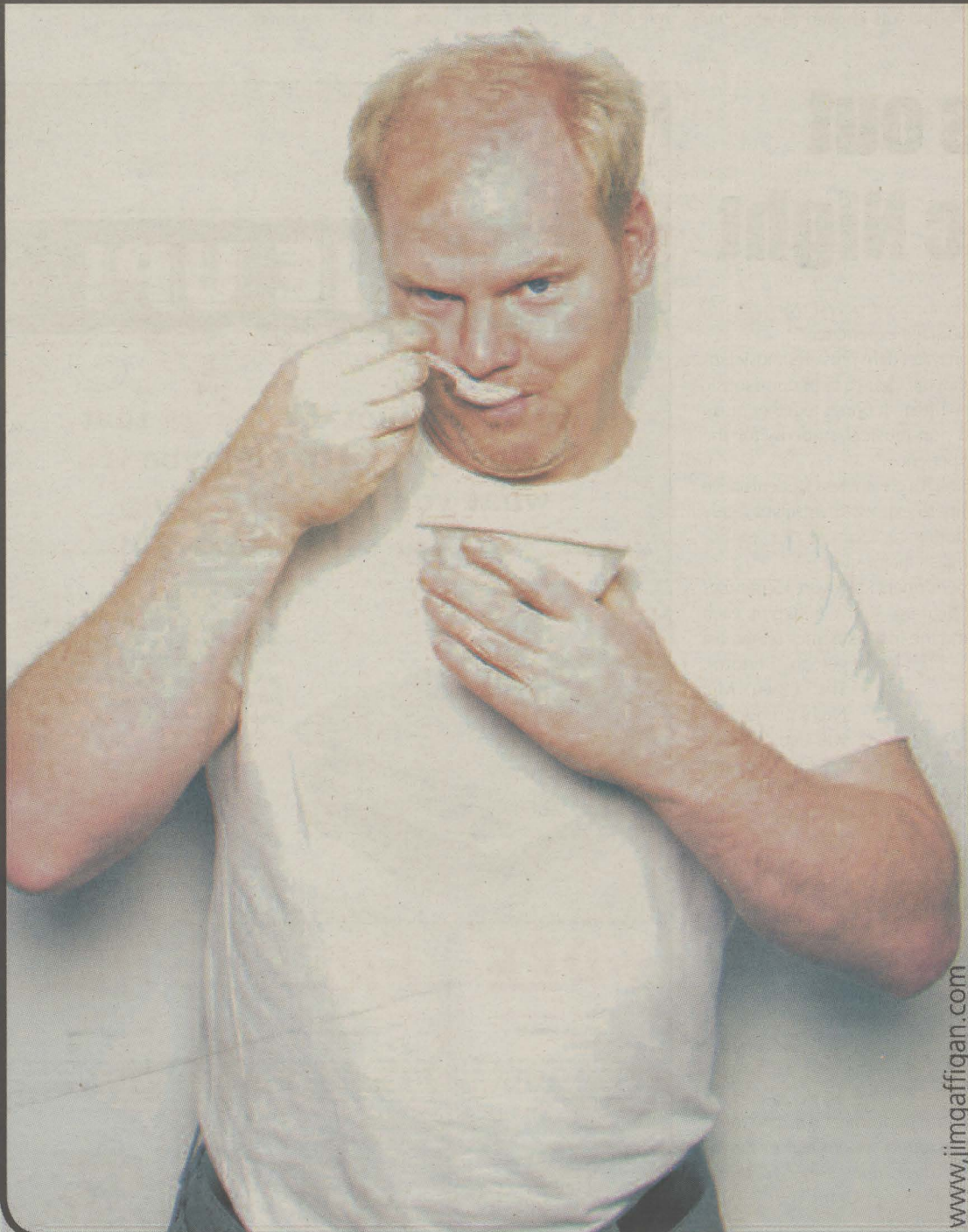
Reading "The Worst Hard Time" will now seem like a privilege instead of an assignment.

I encourage anyone that is reading this book to go into it with the same state of mind as I am. Really listen to Egan's words and think about all he did to get to this point.



Brooke Mortenson
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Central student wins \$10,000 award for photo

by Amy Sitzler
Staff reporter

Glenna Bain had almost forgotten to pass along a brochure that held the fate of Laurel Ebenal, the winner of a nationwide contest held over the summer for the disabled.

The brochure sat on Bain's desk for nearly a month before she remembered to pass it on to Ebenal.

"I get this delighted feeling like I could achieve more with my art than I had expected to."

LAUREL EBENAL, SENIOR
PHOTOGRAPHY MAJOR

"This experience has been a valuable lesson to me regarding the importance of paying attention to those seemingly little details and how they can become very big and influential when they are attended to," said Bain, the coordinator of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Access Services.

Ebenal took a picture of her twin sister, Mary, at the farm where they live in Ellensburg. It was this picture that made Laurel the \$10,000 winner.

The award was held in recognition of young artists between the ages of 16 and 25 with disabilities. Selected from 204 submissions, 15 finalists were awarded a total of \$60,000 from Volkswagen of America, Inc.

After Central Washington University's Dis-

ability Support Services office encouraged Laurel to apply and gave her a brochure, she entered the contest. Laurel was eligible for entrance because she has approximately 50 percent neural hearing loss.

"I am so proud of Laurel," Bain said. "She is very talented and completely deserves the recognition and the award she is receiving though this honor."

Her recognition will be held in Washington D.C. Nov. 13 and 14. While there, Laurel and her family plan to sightsee and tour museums.

"I'm looking forward to visiting D.C. and meeting the other winners, the people with VSA [Very Special Artists] arts who had put the contest together and seeing the exhibit for the first time," Laurel Ebenal said. "I'm a bit nervous about the award ceremony since I have the feeling that there's going to be a lot of people there, but I'm sure it'll be fun and it will be an experience to remember."

More than 36,000 people viewed the exhibition last year. The ceremony will be held at The Rayburn House Office building on Capitol Hill.

Guests include members of the VSA arts, U.S. senators, congressmen, and members of the arts, education and disability communities.

VSA arts is a nonprofit organization that showcases young artists with disabilities living in the United States, and is an affiliate of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

"I'm thrilled that Laurel will have the opportunity to have her photography viewed and enjoyed on a much broader, national basis," Bain said.

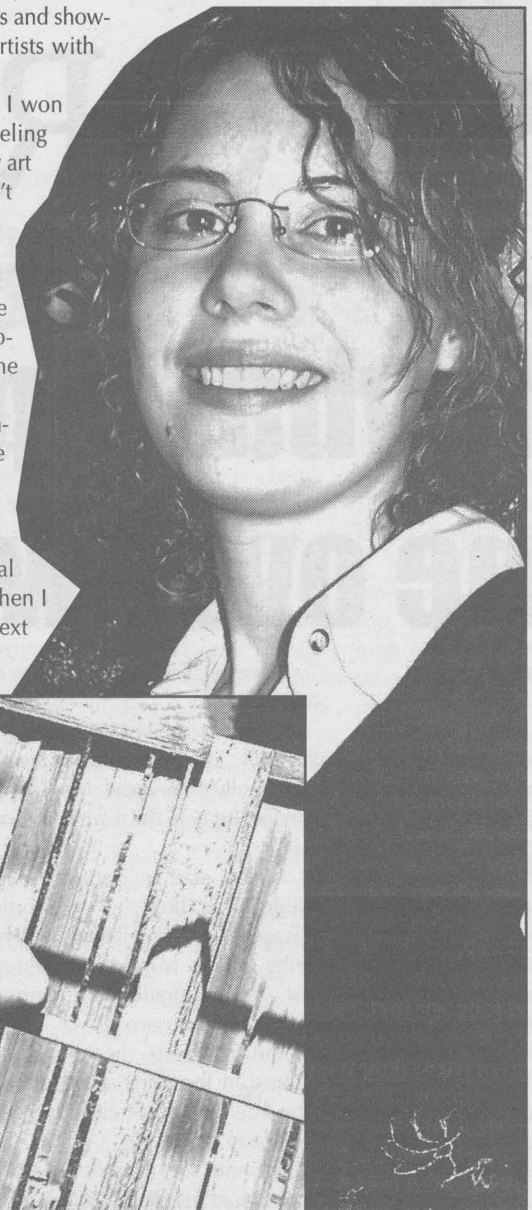
The award assists with finances and showcases the accomplishments of artists with disabilities.

"Every time I remember that I won first place, I get this delighted feeling like I could achieve more with my art than I had expected to and I won't be one of those stereotypical starving artists," Ebenal said.

VSA arts invited more than 20,000 high school and college students around the nation to submit works that represented the theme "Driven."

Participants were asked to consider what inspired them to create their work and what their motives were.

"I'm very excited about a chance to fly to DC," Mary Ebenal said. "I'm looking forward to when I can enter the VSA arts contest next year."



Laurel Ebenal, a 22-year-old senior photography major and winner of a \$10,000 award for a photo submitted to a contest hosted by VSA arts.

Inset: The photo taken of sister Mary Ebenal that Laurel entered into the contest. The photo was taken at the farm where they live in Ellensburg.



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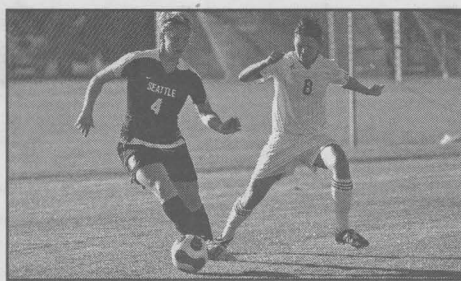
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Wildcat freshman stands out in soccer (Page 13)



'Hawks hope there is no place like home (Page 14)

Volleyball splits at home over weekend

by Joseph Siemandel
Staff reporter

The Wildcat women's volleyball team played a pair of games last weekend. Last Thursday, Central Washington University defeated Seattle Pacific University in four games, but lost on Saturday to Northwest Nazarene University in five.

Junior middle blocker Rachael Schurman set a Great Northwest Athletic Conference (GNAC) single-match record with 14 blocks against the Seattle Pacific Falcons.

"I didn't even know I had the record until I got home and my roommates told me," Schurman said.

Schurman's 14 blocks helped lead the Wildcats to 20 total team blocks during the match.

Offensively and defensively, Central put up good stats against a strong Seattle Pacific team. Senior libero Erika Stevens led the defense with a season-high 33 digs during Thursday's game. Central had 82 digs for the match.

"We just prepare very well before every serve," Stevens said. "We know a certain player's serving style and where they like to try and put the serve and we just focus on that."

Stevens' 33 digs were one shy of the school record.

"I came close last year against Seattle Pacific as well, but during the game I don't really think of the stats, I do what I need to just help the team win," Stevens said.

A slow start on Saturday hurt the Wildcats as they fell to Northwest Nazarene. Central fell behind early, suffering a close two-point defeat in the first game and trailing nearly from start to finish in game two.

The Wildcats heated up their offense in the third and fourth game after inserting some new personnel into the lineup.

Freshman setter Carlee Marble and Sophomore middle blocker Erin Norris helped the Wildcats get to a 17-3 lead in the third game. Norris served 12 consecutive points for Central early in the third game, including five of her match-high six aces during that run.

Central kept rolling in game four to overcome six ties and three lead changes. An intense 10-0 run turned a 19-11 deficit into a 21-19 advantage. Five ties followed after Central's extended run, before the Wildcats scored the final four points of the game.

However, in the fifth game, the Cru-

saders regained tempo and put Central in an early 5-2 deficit. Northwest Nazarene went on to score eight of the game's final ten points to steal the win over the Wildcats.

The win was the first for Northwest Nazarene at Nicholson Pavilion since both schools became GNAC members in 2001.

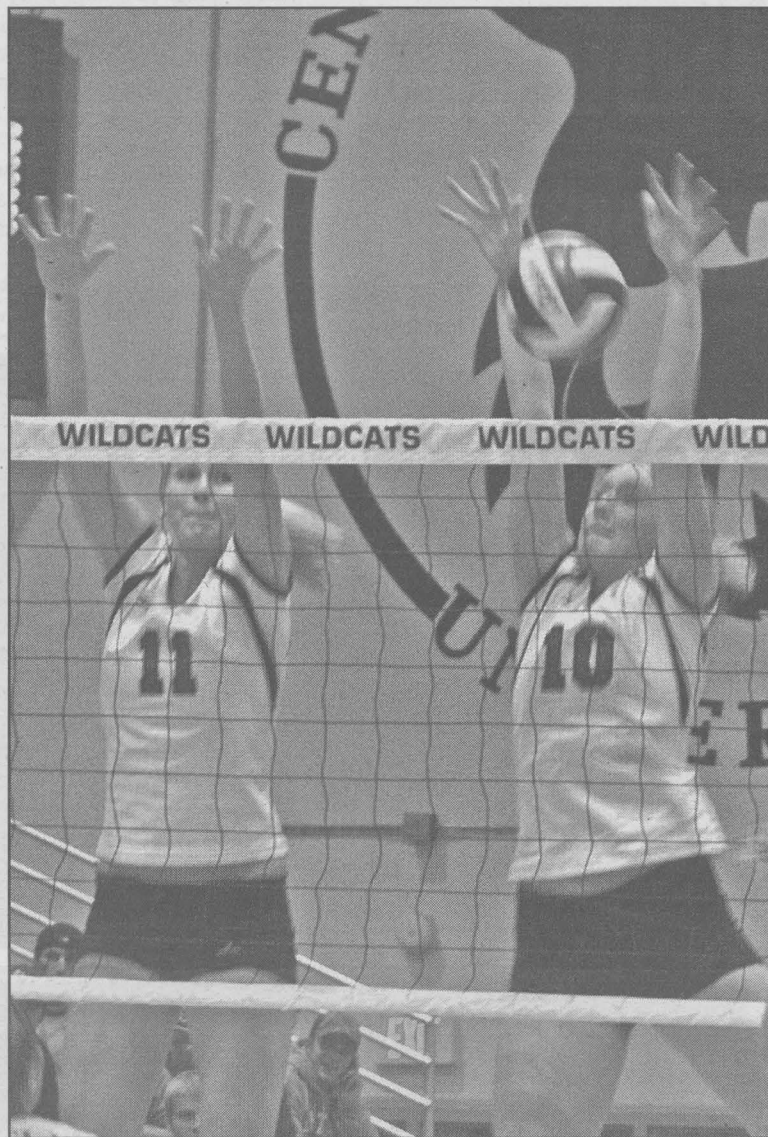
The split gives Central a 6-12 record overall and a 5-4 record in GNAC play for the season. Head coach Mario Andaya is impressed with how his young team has performed as of late.

"We are improving, it's encouraging, a lot of these players are getting their first taste at this level and they are making steady improvement," Andaya said.

Central has a very young team with 10 freshman and sophomores of the 16 on the active roster.

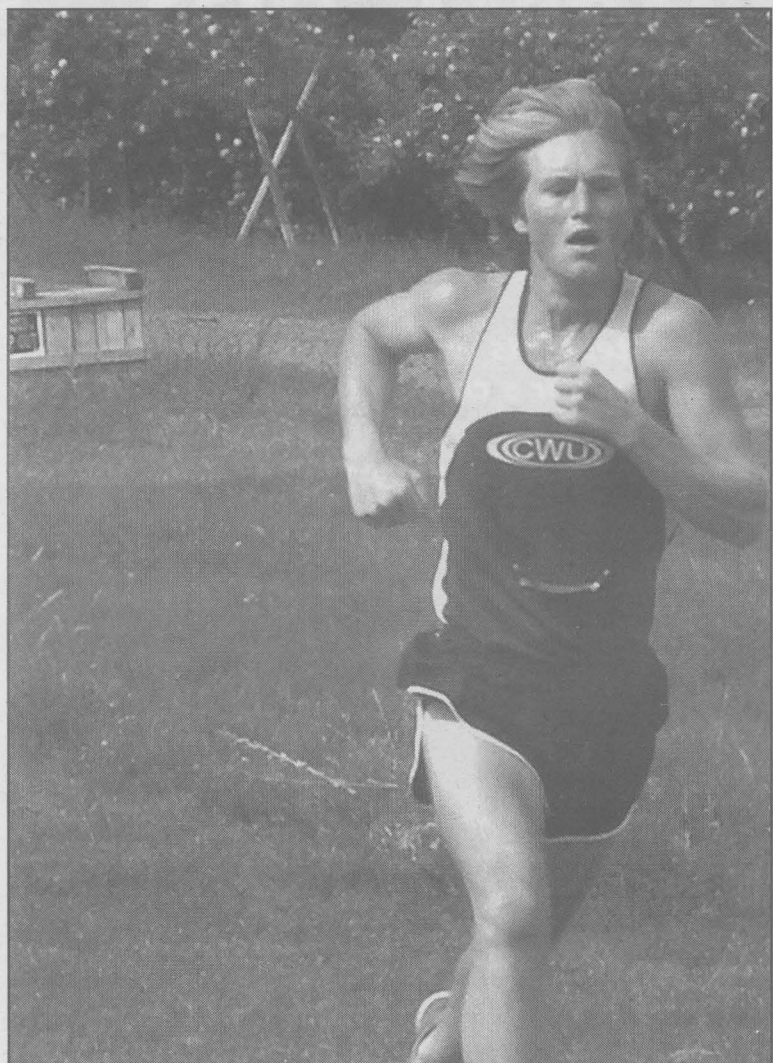
"We are really young and we are missing some key players that we expected to have this year," Andaya said. "We have a lot of young players and we are starting to develop them."

This next week, Central's women will travel to Alaska to play the University of Alaska in Fairbanks on Thursday Oct. 11, before taking on University of Alaska Anchorage on Saturday Oct. 13.



Steve Franich/Observer

Senior middle blocker Bree Brandt (11) and junior middle blocker Rachael Schurman (10) guard the net on Wildcat territory last weekend. Central defeated Seattle Pacific, but fell to Northwest Nazarene.



Kareen Black/Observer

Senior Sam Scotchmer has a decisive lead in the men's 4-mile Apple Ridge Invitational cross country run. Scotchmer took first place in the event.

Wildcat runners aim high

by Nichole Bowers
Staff reporter

Central Washington University's cross country teams are half way through their season. Like other Wildcat athletics, they still have hope, as the end draws near, for a successful season.

With all the traveling, sweat, pain and tears, the two teams are sprinting to try and make it to the top spots in the upcoming conference meet at Nampa, Idaho.

There, the top five women's teams will face off, including Central, Seattle Pacific University, Western Washington University, University of Alaska Anchorage and Northwest Nazarene University.

"It will be a huge battle for the women at conference, they will desire for a second high finish," head coach Kevin Adkisson said. "On the other hand, the men have their eyes set on a top three finish, against the number one and number two teams: Western Washington University and University of Alaska Anchorage. This would be a great finish for the men since looking back on last year when they placed fifth."

Together, the two teams have a set prize to reach, and that is to bring home new conference titles to Central.

Aside from the terrain of the courses, time of completion and the outcome of the races, the most important goal right now is for both teams to keep the runners



Kareen Black/Observer

Senior Trevor Kulvi takes a good lead at the beginning of the 4-mile Apple Ridge Invitational cross country run. Kulvi finished in seventh place.

healthy and prevent injuries.

Adkisson said that it is valuable for all the runners to keep up with the high intensity and determination they have shown so far this year.

"This is a great opportunity for seniors like Sam Scotchmer and Katie Hummel to have an exciting and rewarding last year

and for the newcomers (such as freshmen) Nick Holt and Berlyn Bales to build on for returning seasons," Adkisson said.

The Wildcats send both teams to compete again this Saturday Oct. 13 at the Big-foot Open at Spokane Falls Community College for their final competition before the GNAC Championships on Oct. 20.

While Curtis and I agree on the National League representatives for the World Series being the Colorado Rockies, I'm going to have to side with the Boston Red Sox for the American League contenders.



Frank Stanley
Copy Desk
Chief

First off, how cool would it be to have a series sub-titled as "the Sox versus the Rox?"

In matching up Boston against the Cleveland Indians, the non-educated sports fan would look at the teams and think it'll be a one-sided contest with Boston running the table. However, the educated sports fan would look at the teams and think... it'll be a one-sided contest and Boston runs the table.

Don't get me wrong—both teams are well-equipped in all aspects of the game, with excellent lineups, rotations, and backup in each bullpen, but what Cleveland lacks and what Boston dominates in is what I'm a firm believer of: playoff experience.

The most essential matchup for the whole series will be the starting pitching for games one and two. The Indians start with Carsten Charles Sabathia (betcha didn't know what C.C. meant, huh?) and AL ERA leader Fausto Carmona, two frontrunners for the Cy Young award.

The BoSox open the match with Josh Beckett, this year's only 20-game winner, and following with Boston's elder statesman Curt Schilling.

This may sound odd, but advantage: Boston. Why? Regular season stats don't mean jack in the playoffs, no matter who you are. Minnesota Twins pitcher Johan Santana has arguably been the best in the past four seasons, but his AL Championship Series ERA? 10.80. Oh, and remember my liking for playoff experience? Beckett and Schilling are both World Series MVPs.

Both lineups are built around two different styles of hitting, yet I call the matchup a wash.

Cleveland is built around designated hitter Travis Hafner with a hit-often-and-hit-clutch style. Outside of Hafner's "average" season of 24 cheap-seaters (home runs for the non-baseball savvy)

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Curtis Crabtree
Asst. Sports
editor

Series the first season he was no longer on the roster.

This season, Drew had a .270 batting average, 11 home runs and 64 RBI's. Just as a comparison, Cleveland first baseman Ryan Garko batted .289 with 21 home runs and 61 RBI's, but made only \$400,000.

But in all honesty, this series is completely going to come down to the pitching matchups in games one and two. While Boston has the more recognizable names on their staff with Josh Beckett, Daisuke Matsuzaka and Curt Schilling, the Indians rotation has been just as formidable this season.

C.C. Sabathia and Fausto Carmona have been Cy Young candidates all season long. Carmona and Sabathia are both in the top five in the American League in ERA and tallied 19 wins a piece.

Matsuzaka, who is still in his rookie season since coming over from Japan, has hit the "rookie wall" in the last month of the regular season. The Japanese Baseball League only plays 144 baseball games in a season. With Major League Baseball playing 162 game seasons, Matsuzaka has had more starts this season than in any season in Japan. Add the postseason to that and Matsuzaka is bound to run out of gas sooner or later.

In September, he could only manage a 7.62 ERA and had three games in which he gave up at least five runs.

The most important pitching matchup will be Matsuzaka vs. Jake Westbrook in Game Three. If Cleveland is down 0-2, Westbrook would need a win to avoid going down 0-3 and putting them in hole then may not be able to dig out of. If the series is tied 1-1, the Indians could take the series lead and put pressure back on Boston.

The Indians are 52-29 at home this season compared to just 44-37 away from Jacobs Field. If they can steal one of the first two games in Boston, it will give the Indians a decided advantage in the series.

Prediction: Cleveland wins in six games, **MVP:** Victor Martinez

ALCS Playoff Schedule

Game 1:

Cleveland @ Boston,
Friday, Oct. 12, 4 p.m.
FOX
Sabathia vs. Beckett

Game 2:

Cleveland @ Boston,
Saturday, Oct. 13, 5 p.m.
FOX
Carmona vs. Schilling

Game 3:

Boston @ Cleveland,
Monday, Oct. 15, 4 p.m.
FOX
Matsuzaka vs. Westbrook

Game 4:

Boston @ Cleveland,
Tuesday, Oct. 16, 5 p.m.
FOX
Wakefield vs. Byrd

Game 5: (if necessary)

Boston @ Cleveland,
Thursday, Oct. 18, 5 p.m.
FOX

Game 6: (if necessary)

Cleveland @ Boston,
Saturday, Oct. 20 TBD
FOX

Game 7: (if necessary)

Cleveland @ Boston,
Sunday, Oct. 21 TBD
FOX

Going into the American League Championship Series between the Boston Red Sox and Cleveland Indians, I know two things: Cleveland is a better team than Boston, and JD Drew should NEVER be a part of a team making a World Series run.

The Red Sox have been playing average baseball at best since the start of August. For a team that was 23 games over .500 on Aug. 1, the Red Sox should have finished the season a lot stronger than they did. Boston only managed to play seven games over .500 in the last two months of the season and that includes 25 games against the Baltimore Orioles, Chicago White Sox and Tampa Bay Devil Rays.

Cleveland, on the other hand, has been on an absolute tear since the start of August. The Indians were only 13 games over .500 on Aug. 1. Since that point, they finished the season on a 30-19 run, finishing tied with Boston for best record in the American League.

Second, I can never trust any team with JD Drew on their roster. Last year, Drew had a .283 batting average, 20 home runs and 100 RBIs for the Los Angeles Dodgers. Going into the off-season, the Dodgers made no attempt to re-sign Drew. The Red Sox promptly threw nearly \$14.5 million at a guy his former team didn't even want.

When Drew played with the St. Louis Cardinals from 1998-2003, the Cardinals never advanced to a World Series, getting knocked out in five games by the New York Mets in 2000 and the San Francisco Giants in 2003.

Drew left the Cardinals to go to the Atlanta Braves where he finished 6th in the National League MVP balloting in 2004. The Cardinals went to the World

Penn: Frosh forward leads 'Cats in Goals

by Curtis Crabtree
Asst. Sports editor

On a Central Washington University Women's soccer team that includes 11 freshmen, it's no surprise that one of them has been the biggest contributor to the team's success.

Forward Kelsey Penn has been the Wildcats' most dangerous offensive weapon, accounting for seven of the team's 16 goals through the first 14 games of the season.

Penn, a freshman from South Kitsap High School, quickly made her presence known with a goal in her first collegiate game, a 3-0 win over Hawaii Pacific University on Aug. 25.

"She's a hungry player," head coach Michael Farrand said. "She doesn't like to get shut out and is always looking to shoot."

Penn attributes a lot of her success to her more experienced teammates this season.

"It's been tough coming in," Penn said. "The older players keep teaching us the ropes. We have really good captains that make sure we are where we are supposed to be."

While recruiting Penn, coach Farrand quickly realized the potential she exhibited and had a feeling he was looking at someone who could contribute right away.

"We start recruiting players during their sophomore and junior years of high school," Farrand said. "With Kelsey, it was easy to see that she could play. The senior leadership has really helped the younger girls, and Kelsey is no exception."

Penn is still surprised at the amount of success she has had so early in her collegiate career.

"Yeah I am [surprised]," Penn said. "I wasn't expecting this much time on the field so soon."

With only seven games left in her rookie campaign, Penn is tied for fourth in the Great Northwest Athletic Conference in goals scored and ninth in shots attempted.

"I think playing with the older players should really help her game develop," Farrand said. "It's always tough to say where someone will be three or four years in the future, but she should continue to develop and have a big impact on the team."



Steve Franich/Observer

Freshman forward Kelsey Penn (1) from Port Orchard, Wash., maneuvers up the field against Montana State-Billings on Sept. 22. The Wildcats broke a four-game losing streak in a 3-0 home win over the Yellowjackets.

Seahawks Central: Steelers crush Seahawks

The Pittsburgh Steelers didn't need any help from the referees of Super Bowl XL this time around as they shut out the Seattle Seahawks 21-0 last Sunday at Heinz Field.

Despite Pittsburgh (4-1) being without wide receivers Antonio Holmes and Hines Ward, nose tackle Casey Hampton and strong safety Troy Polamalu, the Seahawks (3-2) looked completely out-matched in every facet of the game.

The Steelers defense held running back Shaun Alexander to only 25 yards rushing on 11 carries while quarterback Matt Hasselbeck only managed to go 13 of 27 for 116 yards with one interception.

On the interception at the end of the first half, Seattle wide receiver Ben Obo-



Curtis Crabtree
Asst. Sports
editor

manu ran a lazy post-corner route that allowed Pittsburgh cornerback Ike Taylor to drive on the ball and get in front of the Hasselbeck throw.

With the Seattle offense struggling to move the football, the defense found themselves on the field for nearly the entire second half. A two-minute time of possession difference at halftime swelled to more than 20 minutes in favor of Pittsburgh in the second half.

During the first drive of the second half, the Steelers held the ball for more than ten minutes before a one-yard Najeh Davenport touchdown run put them up 14-0. The Seahawks went three-and-out on their first drive of the second half and gave the ball right back to the Steelers and the game was essentially over at that point.

"I think you can explain and analyze a lot of things, and some things are hard to explain," head coach Mike Holmgren said at his weekly press conference. "This I know, we'll bounce back after this game. We have a high character group of guys who will work hard to fix it."

The Seahawks are 28-6 at Qwest Field since the start of the 2003 season and look to rebound at home against the New Orleans Saints (0-4) this Sunday night.

Last season, the Saints came out of nowhere to win the NFC South and advanced to the NFC Championship game before losing to the Chicago Bears 34-19. This year's team hasn't been anywhere near as impressive.

Quarterback Drew Brees, a Pro-Bowler in 2006, has only managed one touchdown pass while throwing nine interceptions through their first four games. The Saints lost running back Deuce McAllister for the season due to an ACL tear in week three.

Backup running back Reggie Bush has been ineffective so far trying to replace the production McAllister left behind, averaging only 2.9 yards per carry so far this season.

The Seahawks will be without starting wide receiver Deion Branch for two weeks with a sprained ankle. With wide receiver DJ Hackett still nursing a high ankle sprain himself, the Seahawks will have to rely upon Obomanu and rookie Courtney Taylor even more to fill out their three-and four-wide receiver sets.

Seahawks fullback Mack Strong, retired on Monday following an injury suffered in the first quarter last week. Strong has a herniated disc in his neck that is pressing on his spinal cord.

Strong, an undrafted free agent out of the University of Georgia in 1993 and lifetime Seahawk, felt it was time to retire after 15 seasons.

"There's a lot more to life than football," Strong said in an interview with Mike Kahn of Seahawks.com "I have my wife and two kids and there is nothing more important than being able to spend

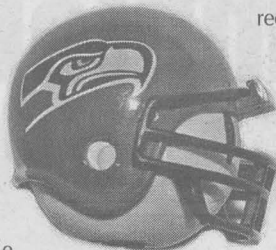
time with them. If I hadn't been able to walk off that field, obviously life goes on, but I'm just grateful that I had the opportunity to make that decision."

The Saints are going to be hungry, knowing their season is slipping away even at this early stage in the season. Brees has really struggled to get going early this season. However, if the Seahawks can't get pressure on him, he is still good enough to pick the Seattle secondary apart.

The Seahawks almost always play better at home. If they are the Super Bowl caliber team we all hope they are, they should be able to beat the Saints Sunday night.

Prediction: New Orleans Saints 16 - Seattle Seahawks 24

Notes: FB Mack Strong has been placed on injured reserve. LS Derek Rackley was released. Seattle signed FB Fred McCrary and LS Boone Stutz, both played for the Atlanta Falcons last season. WR Deion Branch and WR DJ Hackett are out Sunday with ankle injuries.



Wakeboarders hit summer waves

by Ryan Larsen
Staff reporter

Despite the small numbers of members so far, the Central Washington University Wakeboarding Club is still hoping to get sponsored by the school as an officially recognized sports club.

Mike McKinney, senior communication studies major, is president of the wakeboarding club. His goal for this year is trying to get his team more recognition from Central.

"Before, it was more just friends hanging out, but this year we are trying to get it to be more of a [legitimate] club," McKinney said. "This is the first year that things have really come together for us."

In the northwest, having a wake-

boarding club is rather unique. there are only three colleges with existing groups. Central is one of those schools along with the University of Portland, and the University of Washington.

This past summer, the Wakeboarding club competed in several wakeboarding competitions. Co-Vice President Sean Doyle, senior recreation and tourism major placed third in his division at the Inland Empire contest series. McKinney also competed at the Active Water Sports competition in Oregon.

Some of the team members have really benefited from joining.

"Before I joined the club I wasn't good at all," Doyle said. "If it wasn't for the club and riding more often I wouldn't be as good as I am now."

Many who have joined the group

"This is the first year that things have really come together for us."

MIKE MCKINNEY,
CLUB PRESIDENT

have become a lot better riders because of being able to practice their skills out on the water.

According to McKinney, the consensus of the group is that Doyle was the most improved rider of the year.

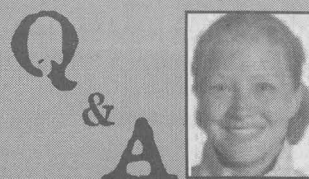
McKinney and Doyle are always looking for interested people, who are passionate about the sport, joining the club.

With the weather continually turning towards winter, summer sports are slowly fading into the background. McKinney and his team plan to start back up in the spring, when the weather is more suitable for wakeboarding.



Brianne Jette/Observer

Sophomore Andy Rose gets some air while warming up at the wakeboarding club's event, "The Festival of Love" on Sept. 29



Staff reporter Nichole Bowers sat down for five minutes with junior cross country runner Marcie Mullen.

Q: How long have you been involved with cross country and how did that path lead you to Central Washington University's team?

A: As a sport, since seventh grade when it was offered at my school and then I ran varsity all four years of high school. I have been a runner my whole life; my parents are runners. I was lead to Central by the help of my sister, who also enjoyed running on the team. Coach Adkisson is great and there is no other program worth doing.

Q: What do you enjoy most about being a Wildcat athlete?

A: The people. They make it for me. My teammates are wonderful. I have met some of the most incredible people with unique personalities. Also the athletes from other sports.

Q: If people misunderstand one thing about cross country what would you say it is?

A: It's not track, we don't run on a track, we run on pavement, grass, and we even jump over bails of hay. We're not just running, we are racing.

Q: I know that a lot is expected of you, what would you say is the biggest challenge for you personally this season?

A: Nothing this year has been too challenging compared to last year. I wasn't able to run last year during the cross country or track season so it was really hard to sit out on something you love so much. It's just a thrill to be back.

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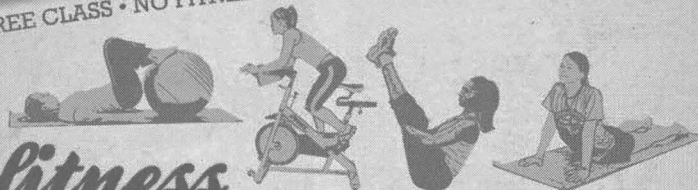
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Freshman linebacker Adam Bighill (41) and sophomore linebacker Buddy Wood (40) stop the South Dakota offense in their tracks last Saturday.

FOOTBALL: Wildcats win NCC record shootout over South Dakota

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Senior running back Johnny Lopez led the Wildcat rushing attack with 93 yards on 19 carries and two touchdowns.

On the other end of the ball, the Coyote offense gave the Wildcats' defense a wild run. South Dakota's sophomore quarterback Noah Shepard threw for 258 yards with two touchdowns. He also completed 18-of-34 passes, and ran the ball a career-high 17 times for 107 yards.

"Noah [Shepard] reminds me of [Mike] Reilly," South Dakota head coach Ed Meierkort said. "Reilly is a great player and a positive influence to his team. Reilly is a bit stronger, but Noah is a couple years younger."

Coyote senior running back Amos Allen ran for a season-high 247 yards on 35 carries with three touchdowns. Allen helped South Dakota take their only lead of the game with his 89-yard touchdown run in the second quarter, the Coyotes' longest play of the season.

South Dakota led the game in offensive yards with 644, combining with Central for a total 1,170 yards. The Coyotes also led in total time of possession (36:32), but the Wildcats still came out on top.

"It's rare to lead by more than 100 offensive yards and not win the game," Meierkort said. "We're not used to los-

ing. We were poor defensively. We're not playing well enough defensively to win right now."

South Dakota's "poor defense" was led by senior linebacker Justiss Scales with his 6.5 tackles and half a sack. Coyote junior defensive back T.J. Simmons made 5.5 tackles.

Wildcat freshman linebacker Adam Bighill led the defense with a game-high 12.5 tackles. He also had a blocked punt and two

passes deflected.

Sophomore linebacker Buddy Wood and senior defensive back Chris Hemphill had 10.5 and 10 tackles, respectively.

Reilly and Bighill were announced as the North Central Conference (NCC) Offensive and Defensive Players of the Week on Monday for their performances over the weekend.

Saturday's win improved the Wildcats to 4-1 overall, 3-1 in the NCC. South Dakota dropped to 3-3 overall, 2-1 in the NCC. The Coyotes fell from 20th to 24th in the D2football.com poll, and out of the AFCA Division II top 25.

The Wildcats travel to Monmouth, Ore., this weekend to face Western Oregon University in the final non-conference game of the 2007 season.

Central will resume conference play at the fifth annual Battle in Seattle against arch-rival Western Washington University on Oct. 20 at Qwest Field.



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Junior tight end Jared Bronson (19) hoists up senior running back Johnny Lopez (2) as he celebrates a touchdown with senior wide receiver Chris Rohrbach (7) during last Saturday's victory over the South Dakota.

AFCA Division II Poll

1. Grand Valley State. 5-0
2. **North Dakota 6-0**
3. North Alabama 5-0
4. Chadron State. 6-0
5. Valdosta State. 5-0
6. **Nebraska-Omaha 5-0**
7. Carson-Newman 6-0
8. Delta State. 5-0
9. Northwest Missouri St. 4-1
10. West Texas A&M 6-0
11. California U. of Penn. 6-0
12. Catawba 6-0
13. Tarleton State. 6-0
14. Abilene Christian 5-1
15. West Chester 5-1
16. Midwestern State. 5-1
17. Tuskegee 5-0
18. Shepherd 5-1
19. Wingate 5-1
20. Virginia Union 6-0
21. T. Mesa State. 6-0
21. **CENTRAL WASHINGTON 4-1**
23. Pittsburg State. 4-2
24. Indiana U. of Penn. 4-1
25. Tiffin 5-1

Dropped Out:
Newberry, South Dakota

Others Receiving Votes:
Albany St., Newberry, Winona St., Edinboro, Bryant, Indianapolis, Slippery Rock, Hillsdale, Ashland, South Dakota, Central Missouri, Mars Hill, Washburn, Bemidji St., Minnesota St.-Mankato, Lane

***NCC teams in bold**

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24. **South Dakota 3-3**
25. Bryant 5-0

Dropped Out:
Hillsdale, Indiana U. of Penn.

D2football.com Players of the Week:
David Knighton (Harding), Xavier Omon (Northwest Missouri), Elfren Quiles (Kutztown), Dominique Jackson (Upper Iowa), Michael Eubanks (Delta St.), and Josh Linder (Western Washington)

***NCC teams in bold**

NCAA Division II N.W. Regional Poll

1. **Nebraska-Omaha 5-0**
2. **North Dakota 6-0**
3. Grand Valley St. 5-0
4. **CENTRAL WASHINGTON 4-1**
5. Ashland 3-1
6. **South Dakota 3-3**
7. Winona State 5-1
8. Michigan Tech 4-3
9. Minnesota St. Mankato 3-3
10. Indianapolis 5-1
11. Hillsdale 4-2
12. **Minnesota Duluth 3-3**

*The top six teams in the final regional poll make it into the NCAA Division II playoffs, beginning Nov. 17.

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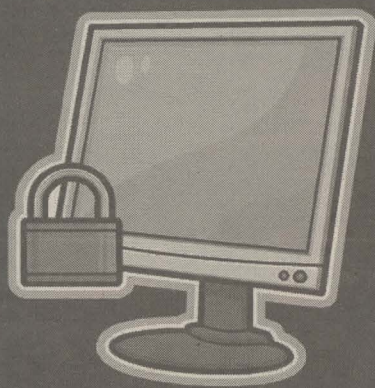
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